

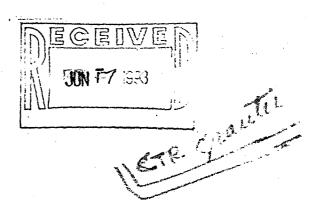


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Dr. Harmon McAllister Scientific Director The Council for Tobacco Research - U.S.A., Inc. 903rd Avenue New York, NY 10022

Dear Dr. McAllister:



I am writing this letter to follow up on our telephone conversation regarding the upcoming meeting entitled, 'Biology of α_2 -Macroglobulin, Its Receptor and Related Proteins," which will be held at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Massachusetts on October 11-14, 1993. This meeting, which is sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences, has an open-registration format as well as a prestigious list of invited speakers. The first meeting on the topic was also sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences. The proceedings of this meeting were published in 1983. Since that time, meetings have been held regularly on a two to three year basis, throughout the world. Our decision to return to the New York Academy of Sciences format was based on the substantial level of progress achieved in this field as well as the rapidly expanding interest on the part of the scientific community.

I have enclosed with this letter: 1. a copy of the flyer which was recently distributed by the New York Academy of Sciences as part of the promotion effort for this meeting; 2. the meeting schedule; 3. a copy of the title page from the Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences, Volume 421 on the same topic. As you can see, the Council for Tobacco Research, U.S.A. was kind enough to sponsor this previous NYAS meeting.

As you might note from the literature I've included, the upcoming meeting on α_2 -macroglobulin and its receptor will emphasize the role of these proteins in lipoprotein metabolism and cellular growth regulation. Therefore, our emphasis should correlate with long-term interests of the Council for Tobacco Research. Our major concern at this time is acquiring sufficient funds to assist our numerous international speakers. On behalf of the conference chairs, I would like to formally request that you consider supporting this meeting. A contribution of \$2,000 would be optimal; however, we will

gratefully accept any support available. The grant in support of this meeting can be forwarded to the attention of Lynn Serra at the New York Academy of Sciences, 2 East 63rd Street, New York, NY 10021.

As a recipient of a research grant from the Council for Tobacco Research; I would like to thank you for the support you have provided me directly and the scientific community in general. On behalf of the organizational committee for this meeting, I thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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